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CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Rev. Shirley joins the entire staff and Washington Street Church family in expressing our deepest sympathy and Christian love to Mary Slade and family in the passing of her brother, Pat; Peggy Ward and family in the passing of her brother, William Ward and Neal Foster and family in the passing of his brother, Wayne Foster.

PRAYER THOUGHT

When your praying becomes dry and routine, keep at it. Parched earth welcomes the rain.

PRAYER LIST

Pete Bailey	Charles Garren	Rev. Judy King	Rick Rowe
Thom Berry	Bud Harrelson	Alisa Liggett	Boyd Saunders
Martha Brooker	Karen Horne	Karen Lowrimore	Stephanie Saunders
Sally Christian	Geneva Hutchinson	Beverly McClanahan	Mary Sutherland
Mickey Epting	Lisa Johnson	Nora Blair Middleton	Sarah Threatt

Contact information for those listed can be accessed through Engage Washington or by calling the Church Office.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the honor and glory of God and in loving memory of Doris Prim.

SERVING TODAY

Lynn Shirley, sound tech
Children's Moment, Susan Caskey

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To Love & Serve

July 4, 2021



The congregation of Washington Street UMC praises and serves God from the heart of the city in ways that reach our neighbors near and far. We welcome and affirm all who seek the love and mercy of Christ regardless of race, creed, age, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or economic status. We honor traditions as rooted in our history, our expression of worship, and our respect for theological curiosity. We nonetheless see vital change and ongoing renewal as essential for spiritual growth.

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 4, 2021

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

Liturgical Color: Green, symbolizing our growth in Christ
(As our worship begins, please silence any electronic devices. Portable hearing devices are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.)

GATHERING IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

PRELUDE Louis Shirer

WELCOME

*THE RINGING OF THE BELL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

ALL: Lord, we give you thanks that you give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love and service.

ONE: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

ALL: Lord, help us to slow down and exercise our freedom in ways that further your work of peace and justice.

ONE: Today, we celebrate the gift of love we receive from God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Lord, we give you thanks that you give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love and service. Amen.

*HYMN 384 (vs. 1, 3, 4) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen. **

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 885 "A Modern Affirmation"

*THE GLORIA PATRI 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD

THE EPISTLE LESSON Galatians 5:13-14

SOLO *Here I Am, Lord*
arr. Craig Courtney
Bob Evans, baritone, Dr. Rick Frierson, piano

*THE GOSPEL LESSON John 8:31-39

THE PROCLAMATION "Freedom to Love and to Serve" Reverend Shirley

HYMN 2130 (FWS) (vs. 1, 2, 5) "The Summons" KELVINGROVE

RESPONDING TO GOD

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH TO SERVE

OFFERTORY

As we go into the world, we offer ourselves to God in loving service as we offer our gifts to the ministries of the congregation. Financial contributions may be placed in the offering plates located in the Narthex, online at wsmethodist.org, or through the mail. Thank you for supporting the ministries of this congregation with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

*HYMN 451 (vs. 1, 3) "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

*BENEDICTION

**After the Clergy have recessed, please progress to the doors remembering to practice social distancing.*

*POSTLUDE Louis Shirer

**Congregation standing. If standing is uncomfortable, please remain seated and continue your participation.*

When our worship ends, our service begins!

We welcome all persons to worship this day! If you are a new friend, we hope that you will find here the warmest welcome in the Name of Christ. Please complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate or give it to one of the clergy as you leave.

** ANDY LANGFORD, U.S.A., 20TH CENT., UMC Discipleship Resources, Prayer for Independence Day